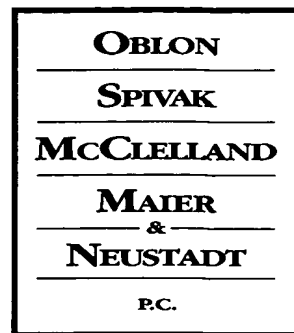


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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 23, 2004, Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I, identified in the Requirement as including Claims 1-12.

The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed based on MPEP §803, which states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

The claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, the outstanding Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

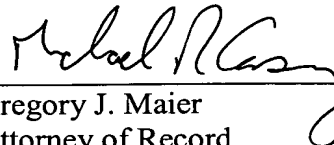
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Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-13 be conducted.

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